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| 21. | West Bengal | Govt, of West Bengal have informed that no case of illegal transplant of kidney in Government and private hospitals has come to light during 2004. |
| 22. | Andaman and Nicobar | Nil |
| 23. | Chandigarh | Nil |
| 24. | Dadra and Nagar Haveli | Nil |
| 25. | Daman and Diu | Nil |
| 26. | Lakshadweep | Nil |

**Iron and Iodine deficiencies**

676. SHRIMATIPREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 300 million people in the country suffer from Iron deficiency as compared to about 170 million people with iodine related problems;

(b) whether Government propose to popularize double fortified salt containing both iron and iodine; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKALAKSHMI): (a) to (c)AII India level data available from National Family Health Survey [NFHS], 2 [2000] for children in the age group 6 months to 35 months indicate overall prevalence of iron deficiency anaemia as 74.3%. As per NFHS data iron deficiency anaemia among adolescent girls was about 52% ICMR multicentre study [2001] shows overall prevalence of iron deficiency anaemia among pregnant women at about 85%. Thus iron deficiency is fairly widespread in the country.

As for Iodine Deficiency Disorders [IDD], Surveys conducted by Directorate General of Health Services, State Health Directorates, Indian

Council of Medical Research and other Health Institutions, no state in the country is free from the problem of Iodine Deficiency Disorders. It is estimated that about 71 people are suffering from Iodine Deficiency Disorders.

There is no specific proposal to popularize double fortified salt containing both iron and iodine, before the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

**Drug watchdog**

677. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the drug watchdog for monitoring quality and standards of drugs is in place;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Under the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and the Rules made thereunder, the State Government through their respective Drugs Control Organizations are required to keep a regular watch on the quality and standards of drugs and monitor the same through the licensing of manufacturing and sales establishments and regular testing of Drugs samples.

**Ayurvedic CGHS dispensaries**

678. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ayurvedic hospitals and dispensaries at present functioning in Delhi under CGHS;

(b) the number of posts of medical officers of various grades and other staff sanctioned for these units as on 1st January, 2006 and that actually working there, category-wise;